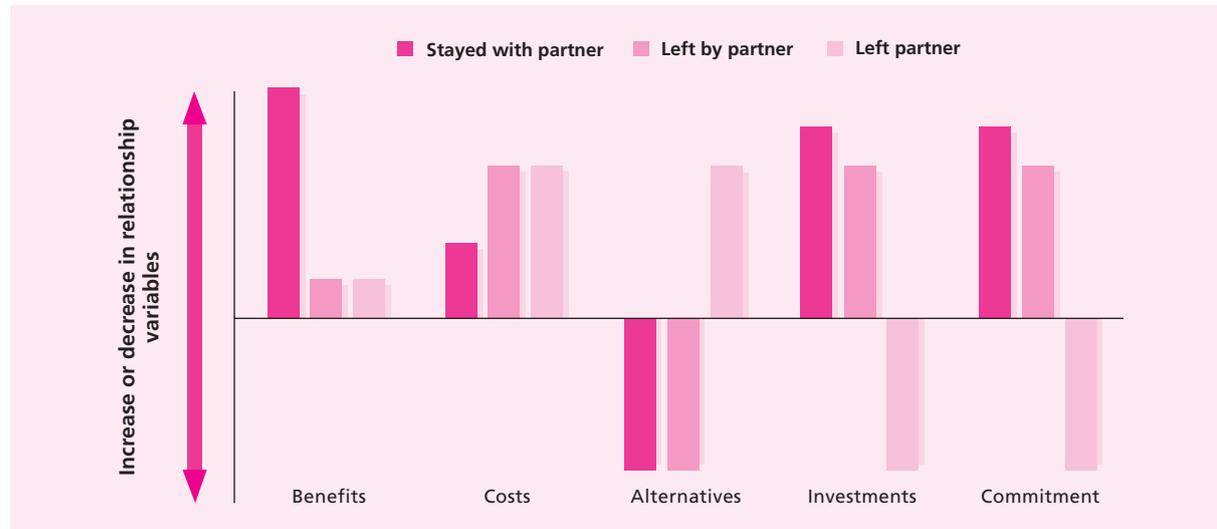


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**FIGURE 11.15****A Test of Rusbult's Investment Model**

The data show that benefits and costs distinguished people who stayed with their partner from those who were left by their partner or left their partner, and that alternatives, investments, and commitment distinguished those who left their partner from those who stayed with their partner or were left by their partner. These findings underscore that a decision to leave a relationship depends less on the balance of benefits and costs and more on the perceived availability of alternative relationships and low investments.

Source: Rusbult (1983).